



TSUNAMI!

APRIL IS TSUNAMI AWARENESS MONTH IN HAWAII

Tsunamis are rare but they can happen.

WHAT TO DO

Be Ready – Prepare in Advance:

- Look for the tsunami inundation maps in the white pages of the telephone book to determine if your residence or workplace is in a tsunami evacuation zone.
- Is your family prepared? Develop a family emergency plan and decide where to go during an evacuation. Find out where your nearest shelter is located. Note: pets are not allowed in shelters.
- Prepare an emergency kit to last for 3 days. Don't forget medications.

When a Warning is Sounded:

- Listen to Civil Defense instructions on TV, radio, or NOAA Weather Radio.
- A Tsunami Watch means a tsunami is possible and you should get prepared.
- A Tsunami Warning is issued when a tsunami is imminent and you should move to high ground immediately.
- Wait for the official "all clear" before returning to low lying areas.

If the Ground Starts Shaking Hard and You are Near the Coastline:

- An earthquake could be your first warning that a tsunami will follow. Go inland or to higher ground immediately! Do not go to the coastline to watch.
- You cannot surf a tsunami wave – it may be your last!

For additional information, contact:

NOAA International Tsunami Information Center
737 Bishop Street, Suite 2200, Honolulu, HI 96813

Phone 808/532-6422 <http://www.prh.noaa.gov/itic/>

Tsunami Links for Kids: <http://www.pmel.noaa.gov/tsunami-hazard/kids.html>

Speakers are available upon request, call 808/532-6411.

Pacific Tsunami Warning Center Open House during April, call 808/689-8207.



In Hawaii, more people have lost their lives to tsunamis than any other natural disaster.

